GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRIPARTITE TALKS ON GORKHALAND
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether tripartite talks between the Central Government, State Government of West Bengal and the Gorkha Janamukti Morcha were held lately regarding the demand for a separate Gorkhaland; and

(b) if so, the details of the issues discussed therein and outcome of the tripartite talks?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): The first round of tripartite discussions on the demands made by Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) and others regarding Gorkhaland issues was held on September 8, 2008 at the behest of the Government of West Bengal.The representatives of the State Government of West Bengal, Union Government and several parties including GJM attended the meeting. The tripartite meeting was held to enable GJM and the other parties to put forth their viewpoints on the issues involved so as to provide better understanding of the same to the representatives of the State Government as well as Government of India.